

**COPC No. 2 of 1998**

17.6.2008      Present:      Mr. Ankush Dass Sood, Addl. A.G. for the petitioner.

The cognizance of this matter has been taken on the request of learned District & Sessions Judge, Una in the year 1998. However, we find that ten years have passed but no charge has been framed, which according to law should have been framed within a period of one year. To frame the charge has already been decided in the matter of *Om Prakash Jaiswal Vs. D.K. Mittal* (AIR 2000 (1) SC-1136).

In the light of the above, we are of the considered opinion that the proceedings for contempt are barred after the expiry of one year from the date the contempt has been alleged. Accordingly, the notice is discharged and the contempt petition is disposed of.

(Jagdish Bhalla), C.J.

(Rajiv Sharma), J.

June 17, 2008.  
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